

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 32-35 are added. Claims 3 and 16 are cancelled. No new matter is presented. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-10, 12, 13, and 15-26 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner for the indicating that claims 27-32 are allowed. The above amendments and the following remarks are considered by Applicants to overcome each objection and rejection raised by the Examiner and to place the application in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

I. Rejection of Pending Claims 1, 11, 14 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 11, and 14 stand rejected as being anticipated by Terasawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,290,329). This rejection is traversed and believed overcome in view of the above amendments and the following discussion.

A. Summary of Cited References

Terasawa is recording apparatus having a black ink recording head for discharging black ink onto a recording material and at least one single color non-black recording head for discharging non-black ink onto the recording material includes a recording head driver for driving the recording heads to discharge the ink onto the recording material. A controller for controlling the recording head driver so that a volume, per unit area of the recording material, of the black ink discharge from the blue ink recording head and the deposited on the recording region of the recording material is larger than that of the non-black ink discharged from the non-black ink recording head and deposited on the recording region of the recording material.

B. Argument

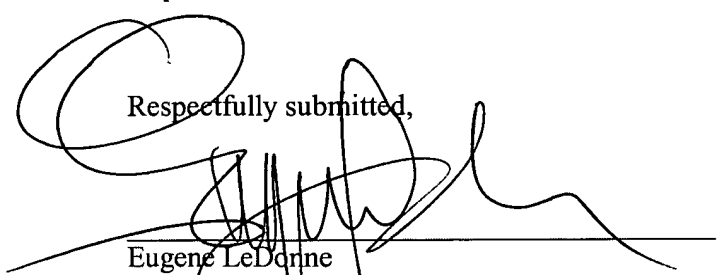
The Examiner states that the Terasawa teaches all the features recited in claims 1, 11, and 14. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's analysis.

Independent claim 1, 11, and 14 are amended to recite that said first and second control portions are operable to select said one and another of said plurality of different total volume values, on the basis of said presently selected print mode that is selected from a plurality of different print modes which correspond to respective different values of resolution of said image. A parallel feature has been added to claim 14. Specifically, the feature recited in claim 3 has been incorporated into claims 1 and 11. And claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 14. These features have been indicated to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 11, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

II. Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-35 recite subject matter that is neither taught nor suggested by the applied references. Claims 1, 11, and 14 are amended. Claims 32-35 are added. Claims 3 and 16 have been cancelled. No new matter is presented. Thus, for the reasons presented above, claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-35 are believed by Applicant to define patentable subject matter and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

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